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ANNUAL MEETING — TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT 8 P.M.

Friends Meeting Auditorium, Lake Street

"NEW ENGLAND FOLK PAINTER"

Erastus Salisbury Field

An outstanding color and sound film, "New England Folk Painter," portrays the life and work of Erastus Salisbury Field. It is of particular interest to members of our Society since there is a fine example of this artist's work in our own collection. The oil portrait of Mrs. Warner of Hadley, Massachusetts, c. 1835, hangs in the keeping room and was donated by the late Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilder Marsh.

Born in Leverett, Massachusetts, in 1805, Erastus Field's life spanned almost the entire 19th century, dying in 1900. In his hey-day, traveling about the New England countryside, he was among the best of the 19th-century folk portraitists.

During the first half of the 19th century many self-taught itinerant artists roamed the countryside in search of customers who could afford the modest price of a painting. Their subjects included farmers, house-wives, and children—as well as occasional realistic or fanciful scenic views. Naiveté, lack of formal training, and an isolated rural environment contributed to a typically American folk flavor in these paintings.

"New England Folk Painter" shows clearly that the daguerreotype was responsible for the decline of folk portrai-

ture. By 1850 photography had become inexpensive and readily available; its instant realistic images caught the fancy of the public. Erastus Field then turned to painting subject pieces on religious and patriotic themes. An exhibition of Field's paintings was assembled in 1963 at the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection in Williamsburg, Virginia, many of these are now part of its permanent collection. Additional works of this artist hang in the renowned collection of Edgar and Bernice Chrysler Garbisch in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been a real pleasure for me to be the Society's President for the past two years. I think we have accomplished a great deal.

Our Hip Roof House drive generated slightly more than \$11,000 and with the contribution from the Women's Committee, we should have more than enough funds to complete the exterior work. Lou Goettelmann is on the threshold of awarding the exterior contract.

Our Village Fairs and House Tours have been very successful, and I express my appreciation to all who have worked

so hard to make these events both pleasurable and profitable.

With the same fine cooperation of our Historical Society members, I wish even greater success to our new President.

ROBERT J. MOORE, *President*

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

The last clipping has been pasted in the scrapbook; the last bills have been presented to Society treasurer, Elisabeth Stow, and the Tenth Candlelight Tour, "Haddonfield—The Uncommon Community," has itself become history.

Featuring "Historic Tanner Street" with its variety of shops, offices and homes, was a stroke of genius. From one end to the other, tour guests and their hosts seemed to be having a fine evening. The Public Library and the Fire Company, each with a special display of interest, also had a record number of attentive guests.

Elsewhere, visitors, delighted with the opportunity to share briefly the warm hospitality of the five homes open for the Tour, commented about the charm of the decor, or the wealth of ideas they discovered or the handsome flower arrangements.

At "Greenfield Hall," spruced and polished for the evening—each room decorated in keeping with its purpose, the Refreshment Committee was kept busy all evening filling cider pitchers or replenishing platters of doughnuts and pretzels.

While the evening will undoubtedly be the most successful financially, it surely will be rated as the town's best social event of the Fall. The Society is particularly grateful to those home owners, merchants and public servants who made so many special preparations for the enjoyment and safety of the "Candlelight Tourists." Mrs. Beatrice S. Stuckert, *Chairman* of the Tour, her committee chairmen, the Women's Committee

and the several members who served as hostesses and ticket takers deserve—and are herewith given—a large THANK YOU.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE HISTORIC HIP ROOF HOUSE

Over the summer our restoration architects made further examinations of existing conditions at the site and came up with even more revelations. Now that their drawings are completed for this "first phase" of exterior restoration we can report on their result. The "second phase" will be the final and cover all interior work, and should commence when the exterior is completed.

It was known, when Charles E. Peterson, F.A.I.A. our noted Philadelphia Historical Architect made his first inspection, after our moving the house to Greenfield Hall grounds, that we had some very unique vertical beaded siding, painted gray, on the west elevation (facing Greenfield Hall), but now it has been discovered also, to be on the King's Highway front. We expect to expose this, removing the 18th and early 19th century horizontal siding.

In addition it was found that the two shuttered windows on that west wall were added in the 19th century and will be removed. From evidence in the basement, timber arrangement and other factors we find the fireplace originally was located in the rear corner of the large entrance room. The present fireplace in the middle of the west wall will be removed and a new one built in its proper location, of much simpler design as research has shown it to be. Evidently it had been changed to its present location when the house was moved in 1836 from the Highway to Ellis Street.

The roof will be changed back to its original wood cedar shingles, some of which are still under the present roofing. The rear two dormers have been found to be late additions and will be re-

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RECENT ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The Society gratefully acknowledges donations from the following persons:

Miss Ethel M. Blackwood

Park's floral magazine. 1910, 1916.

Stephen, C. W. Quaker strongholds. London, 1891.

Mrs. Stanley L. Brown

Harper's weekly, Feb. 16, 1895.

Mrs. Edna R. Buch

Bible. Le Nouveau Testament . . . revu . . . par W. Clapperton. Londres, 1836

Mr. William R. Farr

Survey maps pertaining to West Haddonfield, 1854-1897. Photostats. 6 pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann

Historical Society of Haddonfield. Candlelight dinner, February 26, 1974. Tape recording.

Borough of Haddonfield

Copy of Ordinance *in re* Historic District.

Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock

Print of the New Jersey Building erected for the Centennial International Exhibition, Philadelphia, 1876. framed.

Pyne Point House, ca. 1709. pam.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Jr.

Miscellaneous open house programs. 3 pieces.

Mr. Boyd A. Hitchner

W. W. Flitercraft account books, 1901-1935. mss. 4 pieces. Pharmacopoeia of the U.S., 8th decennial revision, 1905.

Mr. Lee P. Hynes

Miscellaneous historical journals. 18 pieces.

Mr. Edward O. Jenkins

Bible; ca. 1680-1690.

Mr. Howard R. Kemble

Early Woodbury, New Jersey. n.d.

Guide cards for Book and Pamphlet files.

Mrs. Edward E. Krauss, Jr.

Barber & Howe. Historical collections of the state of New Jersey. New York, 1844.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Mack

Stokes, E. H. What I Saw in Europe. Ocean Grove, 1884.

Stokes, E. H. Blossoms. Ocean Grove, 1885.

Photograph of E. H. Stokes.

Haddonfield map—insert from Stone and Pomeroy's map of Philadelphia and Camden County, Philadelphia, 1861.

Miss Virginia Marshall

"Tavistock at Haddonfield." ca. 1920's.
Miscellaneous Quaker Journals. 9 pieces.

Mr. Duncan H. McIntosh

Sons of the Revolution, New Jersey Society. Record of ancestors, 1896-1970.
1971.
Miscellaneous genealogical journals. 13 pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Moore

DeCou, George. Moorestown and her neighbors. 3rd ed. 1973.

Mrs. Sarah Hunt Morgenstern

Hunt family papers, 1805-1905. mss. 40 pieces.

Mr. M. Elmond Neeley, Jr.

Newcomen Society. Publications, 1953-1965. 23 pieces.

New Jersey Historical Commission

Battles of the American Revolution in New Jersey. 1974. map.

Mrs. Ruby B. Oberst

Postal views of Haddonfield. 2 pieces.
News clippings pertaining to Haddonfield. 25 pieces.

The Misses Pennypacker

Antiques magazine. v. 103-104, 1973.

Mrs. Joseph W. Pennypacker

Ford, T. E. Book of Hymns. New York, 1962.
Comments on Lawnside's Beginnings. n.d.
Brochure on Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Lawnside, N. J. 1974.

Rev. F. Ellwood Perkins

Green, H. F. Notes on St. John's academy. Typescript.
The Historical Trail, 12th issue. 1974.
Haddonfield Directory, 1886/7. Xerox print from a Philadelphia directory of the same date.

Miss Anita Reinhard

National Trust for Historic Preservation. Various publications, 1970-1973. 15 pieces.

Miss Helena V. Stevenson

Godey's lady's book, June 1876.

Mr. Nelson Widell

Collection of papers and documents by and pertaining to John Clement, 1851-1885. mss. 24 pieces.

Purchase

Pierce, A. D. Iron in the Pines. New Brunswick, 1957. Reprint.
Stockton, F. R. Stories of New Jersey. New Brunswick, 1961. Reprint.

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moved. The front step will go back to a simple wood stair set on piers with small seats or benches on each side. Other portions of the facade will be in both tapered or beveled siding and beaded siding to match the original.

It was a fortunate find when the original board and batten front door was found on the building and it will replace the present paneled door.

These plans are now in the hands of builders for estimates and work should progress this Fall when a contract will be let, upon receipt of these bids.

LOUIS H. GOETTELMANN,
A.I.A., F.I.A.L.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Proposed slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting of The Historical Society of Haddonfield, November 1974:

Two Year Term

President

Mrs. Thomas H. McGlade

First Vice President

Mrs. William E. Moody

Treasurer

Mr. Ferris A. King

Corresponding Secretary

Miss Anne Blau

Trustees

Three Year Term to expire in 1977

Mr. Merritt W. Pharo

Mr. James L. Pond

Mr. Wallace L. Root

Mr. Ronald E. Shaffer

Mrs. George B. Whitten, Jr.

Second Vice President

Mr. M. Elmond Neeley, Jr.

(To fill the unexpired term of Mrs. McGlade)

Third Vice President

Mrs. Edward E. Krauss, Jr.

(To fill the unexpired term of Mr. Neeley)

PAT LENNON

Nominations Chairman

SOMETHING SPECIAL

On a sunny September morning "Greenfield Hall" was the scene of unusual activity. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Christopher, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goettelmann, were on hand to have Jim Cooper record on film Mrs.

Christopher's giving a gift to the Society of more dolls from her collection. At about the same time Mrs. Marvin and her 5th grade class from the Somerdale School jumped happily—and noisily—from their bus to tour the Society building as part of a history course.



There is not a youngster (even boys) who doesn't find something of special fascination in the Christopher Doll Collection. It was a rare treat, then, when Mrs. Christopher herself pointed out some of the more unusual dolls, or clothes or events associated with the dolls. Looking like a doll herself with snow white hair, twinkling eyes and an appearance of fragility Mrs. Christopher's talk was a delight. The children, their teacher and the chaperones were enthralled.

In one case, visitors may see Mrs. Christopher's life story told through dolls. Close by they will see a dashing young boy in a black velvet suit, lace collar and custom-made high-button shoes. You may try to guess who he is, but we will have to tell: It is Mr. Christopher in the days when . . . he had curls!

The dolls are a bit crowded in their cases now; each should have "elbow room" to be seen and appreciated properly. If any member of the Society has a spare curio cabinet or a case with glass doors, please call: Acquisitions Chairman, Martha Goettelmann.

PAT LENNON

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ACQUISITIONS 1974

- Antique clothes consisting of dresses, beaded and lace, crocheted linen table cover and bed cover, and a baby's wardrobe *Earle L. Harmony*
- Meerschmum carved pipe in leather case C-1880 and several (more) dolls to add to a collection of now close to 600 *Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Christopher*
- High heel button shoes—C-1899 *Mrs. W. King Richwine*
- Small, old style, gold rim sun-glasses *Mrs. Stanley W. Rush, Jr.,
Mrs. L. H. Goettelmann, 2nd*
- Silver napkin ring with engraving—"1887-1912 A.O.M.P. Haddon #12"
Harold A. Snyder
- Very early "Haddonfield" medicine bottles *Clement W. Heverly*
- Small framed American flag of 1864 with 34 stars, that came originally from Springfield, Illinois and was on the casket of Abraham Lincoln
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Steele
- The sidewalk metal signs used at Friends Meeting grounds when gatherings were held for Haddonfield Council of Churches *Mr. Howard R. Kemble*
- Old medicine bottle with labels—"Flitcraft & Coleman Pharmacy"
Mrs. Thomas A. Warner

MARTHA K. GOETTELMAUN, *Acquisitions Chairman*

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